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"For the good of Fort Pierce, St. Lucie county and the Indian River section generally and the people particularly."

THE NEED OF SIDEWALKS.

AMONG THE pressing needs of our town is the putting down of sidewalks. We may talk of good roads, shade trees and other valuable improvements, but each of them brings us back to the fact that the sidewalks—or the lack of them—in our town is an important and vital question.

Fort Pierce has many advantages over most other towns of its size, but we must all agree that this particular point has been neglected. A good walk, even if only on one side of the street, would be of great benefit to pedestrians and not only would it improve the looks of the town but advance the value of each piece of property within the reach of the walks.

There is always a great enthusiastic cry of "clean up the town," and we thoroughly agree with the cry, and also add, "build up the sidewalks." Not only do we want those improvements for the benefit of the tourist travel but for the sake of our home people who are dearer to us than any other class of people.

If every property owner on Pine street and Palmetto avenue would put down good walks it would improve their holdings to a great extent and the gratitude of every pedestrian would be showered on their heads.

We feel sure that the city council is willing to aid in this in every way possible, and we all realize the street fund at their disposal is being used to best advantage on the streets, and as soon as material can be secured the streets will be improved greatly.

While we want good streets we also want good sidewalks.

PROTECT THE FISH INDUSTRY.

ONE OF the most important industries of this section and one which brings thousands of dollars into the community is the fishing in Indian river. If this be destroyed or even crippled to any degree it would work hard on many of our residents and detract much from the volume of business of our merchants.

The habit of seining, which is contrary to law, has grown to quite an extent, and the vigilance of the officers cannot always bring them to justice. However, last week the users of the seines received quite a lesson in the County Court of St. Lucie county and it is hoped that it will be a lesson to others in the future.

There are hundreds of fish boats in this section, manned by capable men within the law limits and make an honest living thereby and when a fisherman uses nets and means contrary to the statute limitations on the products of our waters it is robbing his brother fishermen who are law-abiding. It not only does this, but the nets used by seiners bring in all of fish and destroy the brood for months to come.

Fishing is an industry valuable to our town and county and should be protected by all means and we are glad to note that the officers are on the alert for violators of this as well as for other law breakers.

A NEW department for THE NEWS will be a descriptive write-up each week of some business house in Fort Pierce. We do not do this for the benefit of our local subscribers alone, for they know the conditions as well as ourselves, but for the benefit of outsiders who do not know what kind of a town we have or what manner of people or business houses we have. This will not be confined strictly to the advertisers in THE NEWS, but all business institutions will share equally in the writings in these articles. We realize it will take some time to cover the field but we shall attempt to take them in order of their age—that is the length of established business in Fort Pierce. This week we present the department store of P. P. Cobb, and shall follow it up each week, as our knowledge dictates their age.

THE BONDING issue is gaining friends every day and when the question is put to a vote St. Lucie county will roll up a handsome majority in favor of issuing bonds to build a system of good roads. This will be one of the most important questions for the county to settle during the next year and when it is settled we will be on the road to our proper place—the banner county of Florida.

THE Stuart correspondent of the Tribune took exception last week to an article which appeared in THE NEWS a couple of weeks ago entitled "Splendid Fishing." It was not our intention to absorb for Fort Pierce all the glory of the fishing on Indian river and, if the Stuart correspondent will apologize we stand ready to forgive him for anything we said about our splendid fishing.

THE SOUND of the carpenters' tools is heard on every side and Fort Pierce is going ahead at a rapid rate, but dwelling houses are still at a premium. New families are coming in almost daily and more houses for rent would be a paying investment.

THE FORT PIERCE NEWS, heretofore owned and edited by Charles S. Emerson has been sold to Arthur B. Brown, a well-known journalist and printer.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

Notice of Intention to Apply for Letters Patent.

Notice is hereby given that we, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Governor of the State of Florida for letters patent incorporating the Indian River Coopers Company under the laws of the State of Florida with the following proposed charter, the original of which is now on file in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

PROPOSED CHARTER OF THE INDIAN RIVER COOPERAGE COMPANY.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be the Indian River Cooperage Company and its principal place of business shall be at Fort Pierce, Florida, but it may establish branch offices and places of business elsewhere in the State of Florida and also in various parts of the United States of America.

ARTICLE II.

The general nature of the business to be transacted by this corporation is to buy, sell and manufacture barrels, crates, baskets, boxes, staves, headings, hoops and other articles, products and by-products made and derived from wood and timber;

To buy, sell and manufacture all kinds of merchandise, personal property, goods and chattels;

To manufacture, buy, sell and deal in brick and products and by-products of clay;

To manufacture, buy, sell and deal in cement blocks and all articles and products composed wholly or partly of cement;

To advance and loan moneys upon securities, lands, crops and all kinds of personal property;

To borrow money and secure the same by mortgage, deeds, bonds, notes, or other obligations therefor;

To own, lease, or otherwise acquire, and operate and maintain saw mills and planing mills, and to cut and to manufacture timber, lumber, cross ties and other wood products;

To own, buy, sell, lease, erect, build, manage, control, operate, charter and hire vessels, tramways, railways, lighters, engines, cars, crays and other vehicles and means for the transportation of the property of this company;

To own, buy, sell, lease, build, operate and maintain docks, wharves, storage and packing houses;

To own, buy, sell, convey, lease and deal in land and real estate of all kinds and descriptions;

To acquire, own, hold and dispose of the property, rights, franchises, stocks and securities of other corporations and to exercise all the voting powers and privileges thereof;

To make contracts of any kind whatsoever for the furtherance of its business, and to exercise all the inherent powers generally appertaining to such corporations and allowed by the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE III.

The capital stock of this corporation shall be Five Thousand Dollars divided into one hundred shares of the par value of fifty dollars per share, and all of the capital stock of said corporation, including the stock subscribed for by the subscribing incorporators, may be payable, issued or used for the purchase of property, labor or services at a just valuation thereof to be fixed by the board of directors at a meeting to be called for that purpose.

ARTICLE IV.

The term for which said corporation shall exist shall be one hundred years.

ARTICLE V.

The business of said corporation shall be conducted by the following officers: A president, a vice president, a secretary, a treasurer, and a board of nine directors. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person. The directors shall be elected by the stockholders at each annual meeting. All other officers shall be elected annually by the directors. The annual meetings of this corporation shall be held on the second Tuesday in January in each year, unless otherwise fixed by the by-laws. The first annual meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday in January, 1907, and until the first election of directors the following shall be the officers of the corporation:

President, E. J. Ricou.
Vice President, T. B. Hicks.
Secretary and Treasurer, R. Whyte.
Directors, E. J. Ricou, R. Whyte, H. E. Crooks, O. Roach, E. A. Holt, J. W. Rossetter, G. A. Braddock, E. Svedelius and R. G. Hardee.

ARTICLE VI.

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which this corporation shall subject itself shall be Five Thousand Dollars.

ARTICLE VII.

The names and residences of the subscribers hereto and the amount of stock subscribed by them, severally, are as follows: and the said shares of stock are hereby subscribed for:

Name Residence No. Shares
R. Whyte Fort Pierce, Fla. Four Shares
A. M. Sample Fort Pierce, Fla., Three Shares

H. E. Crooks, Fort Pierce, Florida, Three Shares.

State of Florida)
County of St. Lucie)

Before me personally appeared R. Whyte, A. M. Sample and H. E. Crooks, to me well known to be the individuals described in and who subscribed to the foregoing charter, and they severally acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and official seal this 8th day of November, A. D. 1906.

(SEAL) F. L. HEMMINGS,
Notary Public for the State of Florida.

My commission expires Dec. 11, 1908.

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